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SUBJ: FOLLOW-UP ON THE US-EC CONSULTATIONS OF
OCTOBER 29-31

REF: A) STATE 217448; B) EC BRUSSELS 5863

1. SUMMARY. WE HAVE REVIEWED WITH FIELDING AND
OTHER EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS THE RECORD OF THE
OCTOBER 29-31 US/EC CONSULTATIONS (SOAMES/CASEY TALKS)
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CONTAINED IN REFTEL A. THE COMMISSION'S UNDERSTANDING

APPEARS TO COINCIDE VERY CLOSELY WITH THE US RECORD.
WE ALSO DISCUSSED WITH THE COMMISSION OFFICIALS
QUESTIONS RELATED TO FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS ON SEVERAL
SPECIFIC POINTS IN THE FIELDS OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY;
RELATIONS WITH LDCS'; ENERGY; AND TRADE POLICY ISSUES.
END SUMMARY.

2. MISSION OFFICERS ON OCTOBER 6 DISCUSSED WITH THE
EC COMMISSION'S NORTH AMERICAN DIRECTOR, LESLIE
FIELDING, AND HIS STAFF, THE COMMISSION'S IMPRESSION
OF THE CASEY-SOAMES DISCUSSIONS. (HIJZEN WAS
UNAVAILABLE BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT EC COUNCIL MEETING.)

3. FIELDING SAID THAT, DESPITE SOME ROUGH POINTS
EARLY ON, THE COMMISSION WAS VERY MUCH PLEASED WITH
THE DISCUSSIONS AND FELT THEY HAD COME AT AN OPPORTUNE
TIME. THE COMMISSION'S RECORD OF THE DISCUSSIONS
COINCIDED CLOSELY WITH THAT CONTAINED IN REFTEL A. ON
SEVERAL OF THE POINTS MENTIONED IN THE REFTEL, FIELDING
WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION SINCE THE
EC COUNCIL WAS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING THE POSITION (E.G.,
ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS AND THE GATT TEXTILE
NEGOTIATIONS).

4. THE FOLLOWING ARE SEVERAL PROCEDURAL POINTS RELATING
TO MATTERS DISCUSSED:

5. INDUSTRIAL POLICY: FIELDING CONFIRMED GRIERSON'S
INVITATION TO A US SPECIALIST IN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
TO CONSULT WITH THE COMMISSION. FIELDING ALSO SAID THAT
GRIERSON IS PLANNING TO EXPAND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE
FOR HIS WISE MAN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT STUDY. IN
REGARD TO POSSIBLE US-EC CONSULTATIONS ON STANDARDS AND
CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES THE COMMISSION UNDERSTANDING
IS THAT IT HAS ASKED FOR FURTHER FACTS FROM THE US SIDE
AS TO WHAT SPECIFICALLY WE HAVE IN MIND. (WE INTEND TO
FOLLOW UP ON THESE MATTERS DIRECTLY WITH GRIERSON.)

6. RELATIONS WITH LDCS. FIELDING SAID THAT FURTHER US-
EC DISCUSSIONS ON LDC QUESTIONS INVOLVE TWO DISTINCT
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EXERCISES AS HE SEES IT. IN HIS WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS
LAST SUMMER, COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON HAD MENTIONED THE
NEED FOR DISCUSSION IN DEPTH OF THE BASIC PURPOSES IN
US AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICIES. THE COMMISSION
FEELS THAT THIS COULD MOST PROFITABLY BE CARRIED OUT IN
THE LATE SPRING.

7. THE SECOND BUT MORE IMMEDIATE ISSUE IS THE US

INTEREST IN FOLLOWING THE RESULTS OF THE CURRENT EC NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE YAOUNDE ASSOCIATES AND ASSOCIABLES. FIELDING SAID THAT OUR POINT ABOUT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EC BEFORE POSITIONS FREEZE HAD REGISTERED. AS SOAMES PROMISED, THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION IS WILLING TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS WITH US WHENEVER WE REQUEST TALKS. BUT FIELDING BELIEVED THAT DISCUSSION WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE USEFUL IN DECEMBER AFTER THE OUTLINES OF THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BECOME SOMEWHAT CLEARER. (WE SHALL ALSO FOLLOW-UP ON THIS MATTER WITH THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS THE DG MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED.)

8. ENERGY: FIELDING MENTIONED THAT UNDERSECRETARY CASEY HAD THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL AND ACCEPTABLE FOR THE US TO CONSULT ON R&D ASPECTS OF THE ENERGY PROBLEM EARLY IN 1974.

9. MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS: FIELDING WAS UNABLE TO SAY AS YET HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL RESPOND TO LONG'S INVITATION FOR THE MEETING OF THE TNC ON NOVEMBER 19. HE MADE CLEAR THAT THE COMMISSION AND MOST MEMBER STATES ARE FAVORABLE. THE FRENCH HAVE YET TO BE BROUGHT AROUND, HOWEVER. HE STATED THAT THE EC HAD NOTED THE US REQUEST TO KEEP IN TOUCH DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE EC'S TRADE NEGOTIATING MANDATE AND WAS AGREEABLE TO DOING THIS ON A MOST INFORMAL BASIS.

10. STEEL SCRAP: FIELDING TOOK NOTE OF THE MISSION'S OFFER TO ARRANGE CONSULTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT PURSUANT TO THE REFTEL. HE STATED THAT THE EC WASHINGTON DELEGATION IS HOLDING A DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT WITH MR. COOK OF THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOVEMBER 8 AND INDICATED THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH USEC AFTER THAT MEETING. IN ANY CASE, FIELDING SAID THE COMMISSION WOULD AGREE TO HOLD THE CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON.

11. WINE: FIELDING STATED THAT THE COMMUNITY IS STILL AWAITING A US RESPONSE TO THE INFORMAL PROPOSAL HE PRESENTED TO TREASURY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MORGAN ON OCTOBER 11 (REFTEL B). HARTMAN

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